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OTHER THAN REAFFIRMING STRONG USG COMMITMENT TO DOING EVERY-
THING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE PROGRESS TOWARD JUST AND LAST-
ING CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, DEPARTMENT HAS ONLY TWO SUGGESTIONS
FOR YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WITH MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH:
(A) YOU SHOULD RAISE THE DAVIES TRIAL WITH THE ARCHBISHOP,
ESSENTIALLY REITERATING THE POINTS THAT YOU MADE TO
CHRISTOPHIDES AND FOCUSING ON ANTICIPATED NEGATIVE REACTION
IN THE U.S. SHOULD THE SENTENCES BE REDUCED ON APPEAL.
(B) IN YOUR MEETING WITH DENKTASH, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR
YOU TO RAISE ONCE AGAIN THE ISSUE OF GREEK CYPRIOTS AND
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OTHERS REPORTED MISSING SINCE THE 1974 HOSTILITIES. AS
YOU ARE AWARE, THERE IS RECURRENT INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION
IN THE CONGRESS. SPECIFICALLY, YOU MIGHT WISH TO ASK
DENKTASH WHETHER THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE NOW PREPARED TO
MOVE AHEAD WITH ESTABLISHING THE INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION
THAT HE AND MAKARIOS AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE LAST FEBRUARY
BUT WHICH ONAN DECLINED TO DISCUSS WHEN RAISED BY PAPADO-

POULOS DURING THE VIENNA ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. VANCE

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